



Michigan Vernal Pools Partnership

2022 ANNUAL MEETING

Wednesday, December 7th, 12:30-4:30 pm ET

Meeting Agenda

12:30 Welcome and Introductions

- 2022 MVPP Highlight
 - Yu Man Lee, Conservation Scientist, Michigan Natural Features Inventory
- Partner Roundtable

1:00 Research & Mapping

- Guest Speaker: Mapping, Monitoring, and Managing Seasonal Ponds in Forested Landscapes
 - Dr. Katy Hofmeister, Assistant Professor of Environmental Studies, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh
- Guest Speaker: Spatial Ecology and Habitat Selection of Spotted Turtles in Southwest Michigan
 - Michela Coury, Conservation Biologist

2:00

5 MINUTE BREAK

- Guest Speaker: Mapping and Characterization of Vernal Pools in the Great Lakes Region
 - Sam Kurkowski, Master's student at Michigan Tech

2:25 Conservation

- Guest Speaker: *Salamander Crossing Brigades & Big Night Detours: Lessons Learned from Grassroots Amphibian Conservation Efforts in New Hampshire*
 - Brett Amy Thelen, Science Director, Harris Center for Conservation Education
- Guest Speaker: *Lessons Learned Protecting Marquette's Presque Isle Park Salamanders*
 - Tyler Penrod, Program Manager, Superior Watershed Partnership

3:15

5 MINUTE BREAK

3:20 Michigan Vernal Pool Patrol

- Pool Patrol Highlights & Program Evaluation
 - Courtney Ross, GIS Specialist, Michigan Natural Features Inventory
- Volunteer's Perspective
 - Jason Byler, Citizen Scientist
- Coordinator's Perspective
 - Ben VanderWeide, Natural Areas Stewardship Manager, Oakland Township Parks and Recreation
- Educator's Perspective
 - David Pruden, 5th-6th Grade Teacher, Kinawa 5-6 Schools, Okemos Public Schools

4:05 Vernal Pool Q&A

- Ask the experts and/or share your vernal pool conservation, management, research, and pool patrol knowledge with fellow MVPP partners, members, Vernal Pool Patrol coordinators and citizen scientists.

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